

In re application of: Lazarus, et al.
Application No.: 09/709,249
Filed: 10 November 2000
For: A METHOD FOR PREVENTING AND INHIBITING HUMAN HLA ALLOIMMUNE RESPONSE TO PLATELET TRANSFUSION
Group No.: 1644
Examiner: Ewoldt, Gerald R.

REMARKS

Claims 3 – 4 and newly amended claims 1, 2, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crow et al. (March 1999) in view of Damjanovich et al. (1995) and Shalit et al. (1985).

Applicants respectfully disagree and request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

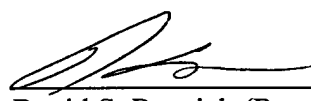
Applicants respectfully submit that in light of the “In re Katz” Declaration of Alan H. Lazarus, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, Crow et al. is removed as a prior art reference, thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants believe that this response is timely filed and no fee is required. However, in the event that Applicants are mistaken, the Examiner is authorized to charge the Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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